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Growing Participation of Women
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has conducted/commissioned any study for participation of women, particularly tribals, in labour market and its impact on GDP growth in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the comparative position in the current Five Year Plan; and
(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to encourage women involvement especially tribal women in the development programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) and (b): The Government has not conducted / commissioned any study for participation of women, particularly tribals, in the labour market and its impact on GDP growth in the country. However, according to 68th National Sample Survey titled 'Employment and Unemployment Situation Among Social Groups in India', the workers population ratio (WPR) for women was 219 per 1000 persons whereas in respect of tribal women, WPR was 346 during July 2011-June 2012.

(c) The Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) component of the Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments provides for various developmental/welfare programmes of scheduled tribes under the livelihood, education, health and nutrition, etc. components. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides additional support to States by way of filling critical gaps. Scheduled tribe women are also eligible to avail the benefits of various schemes for women implemented by various Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments. Ministry of Tribal Affairs gives due priority to women under its income generating activities, skill and vocation training, education programmes. In order to empower scheduled tribe women, National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana (AMSY) in 2002 exclusively for scheduled tribe women. Under the scheme, financial assistance up to 90% for projects costing Rs.1.00 lakh has been provided at concessional rate of interest of 4% p.a. In addition, scheduled tribe women are also eligible to seek financial assistance under the Term Loan, Micro Credit and Adivasi Shiksha Rrinn Yojana of NSTFDC.
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